

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 799 - HB 1050**

March 14, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a staff director of a division of the Governor's office, advisory staff, or other staff within the Governor's office whose job responsibilities include communicating with the legislative branch to influence legislative action, from lobbying during the 12-month period following departure from such office or employment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(l), members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the executive branch, members of the Governor's cabinet, or cabinet level staff are barred from lobbying for 12 months after leaving such employment.
- The proposed legislation would expand applicability to any staff within the Governor's office whose job responsibilities include influencing legislative action.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(a)(2)(B), the Tennessee Ethics Commission is authorized to assess a civil penalty up to \$10,000 if a person knowingly violates lobbying restrictions.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(d), an intentional violation of these restrictions is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense, Class B for the second, and Class A for the third and subsequent offenses.
- There will not be a sufficient number of civil or criminal prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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